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ELUSIVE SEA SERPENT.

Is It a Myth or Is He Really an Inhabitant of the Deep?

Strong Testimony by Rockport Summer Resident in 1886.

True, the sea serpent furnishes good material for the incredulous writer and the paragrapher of jokes, but why should it not be considered perfectly probable that some mammoth heretofore unknown wonder of the deep should make his appearance now and then?

In the history of the town of Rockport, Granville B. Putnam, master of the Franklin school of Boston, a well known summer resident of that town, contributes five pages on the subject of the sea serpent, which is exceedingly interesting reading.

He relates experience of August 12, 1886, in the afternoon, when Town Clerk Calvin W. Pool called at his cottage at Pigeon Cove and said, "There is some strange thing in the water; I think it is the sea serpent." Mr. Putnam quickly went to the piazza with his marine glasses, and discovered the creature advancing in a northerly direction, and but little more than an eighth of a mile from him. He saw it approaching, passing and departing, and watched it most attentively for about 10 minutes.

Mr. Putnam estimated the length, being acquainted with the dimensions of yachts on the water, as not less than 80 feet. The head seemed short, and about the size of a nail cask, while the middle of the body was larger than that of a man. The color was dark brown, and it appeared to be somewhat mottled with a lighter shade. As the head was at no time raised above the water, the color of the throat could not be determined. The surface of the head and back was very smooth, and no one of the 40 or more persons who saw it detected anything that looked like a fin or a flipper.

Mr. Putnam says that he could see distinctly 15 feet of the forward portion of the body, while back of that, the convolutions being greater, the depressions were below the surface, so as to present a series of ridges, some 10 or 15 in number at a time. The extremity of the tail was not visible. Its course was a direct one, and its speed uniform, and not more than five miles an hour.

Mr. Putnam says that on August 19, a week later, the same creature or one like it appeared to the northward, and although half a mile away, it was distinctly seen by Rev. David Brewer, then assistant pastor of the Park Street church, Boston, by his wife and servants and by several others.

Mr. Putnam says that he finds the following well-authenticated visits to these shores by the sea serpent since the opening of the present century:

Gloucester.....	June 20, 1815
Gloucester.....	Aug. 10-28, 1817
Gloucester.....	Aug. —, 1818
Nahant.....	Aug. 19, 1819
Swampscott.....	Aug. 10, 1820
Nahant.....	July 12, 1823
Nahant.....	—, 1826
Lynn.....	July —, 1833
Swampscott.....	July —, 1849
Nahant.....	July 30, 1875
Gloucester.....	July 15, 1877

Mr. Putnam continues to tell from where he obtained his authority for the above table, coming from well educated and reliable parties, and intelligent captains, sailors and fishermen.

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In closing Mr. Putnam says: "There are many grains of truth in this ascertainment, that " it does require the alternative of being either ridiculed as an ignorant fool or denounced as a contemptible impostor, but such is the ordeal through which all have to pass who venture to assert that they have seen the sea serpent," yet I have never regretted that I offered my report to the public, for I am confident that the time will come when its candid judgment will be assured of the existence of this denizen of the deep." Surely a strong argument in behalf of the illusive serpent.

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CAPLIN STRIKE IN.

Quite Plentiful for Some Time at St. Pierre, Miquelon.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson First Banker To Bait There.

Advices from St. Pierre, Miquelon, dated June 9 state that caplin have struck in there and have been quite plentiful for several days. Sch. Alice R. Lawson, of this port, one of the salt bankers, baited there on Sunday, being the first American vessel to bait there this season.

A letter to the Times from St. Pierre, Miquelon, dated June 9, says that the bankers are beginning to arrive there and that good fishing is reported on Flemish Cap. Two vessels came in on Sunday, each with 1000 quintals, from there. There is also a good sign of fish on St. Peters Bank.

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Bait Gone from Magdalens.

A despatch from the Times correspondent at the Magdalens says that the vessels have all left there and the bait has all gone.

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ASHORE AT MAGDALENES.

Sch. James A. Stetson Full of Water, Herring Laden.

A special to the Times from its correspondent at the Magdalene islands states that sch. James A. Stetson of Lubec, Me., formerly of this port, with a full cargo of salt herring on board, is wrecked and full of water at the mouth of Amherst harbor. Her cargo of herring will be lost and the vessel will most likely be condemned. Capt. L. C. Ingalls has arrived there to confer with the underwriters.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Victor, Cape Shore, seining, 187 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Slade Gorton, Cape Shore, seining, 12 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Alert, south, seining.
Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, Cape North, 50,000 lbs. salt fish.
Seineboat, Outer Harbor, 71 bbls. whiting.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Spilting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Bank halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$3.75 for large \$3.25 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.12 1-2

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.25.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$3.50; medium do., \$2.50; snappers, \$1.62 1-2.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.25 for large, \$2.25 for medium, snappers \$1.50.

Large fresh mackerel, 18 cents each.

Fresh Old England hake, 50 cts. per cwt.

Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$13 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Julia Costa, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod

Sch. James and Esther, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Appomattox, 1500 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Buena, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 8000 haddock, 27,000 cod.

Sch. Flaville, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$4 to \$4.25; large cod, \$4.75 to \$5; market cod, \$2.25 to \$3; pollock, \$2.50.

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Will Make a Fine Stock.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, is at Boston this morning with a good fare, 50,000 pounds of haddock, 12,000 pounds of cod and 1400 pounds of halibut. The craft will make one of the best stocks of the season at T wharf, as fish are very high this morning, owing to light receipts. Haddock are bringing \$4.50 to \$6, and cod \$5 to \$5.50 and the craft also received 14 cents a pound for her halibut.

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Norway Cod Catch.

The Norway cod catch to date is 40,563 thousands, against 40,834 thousands at this time last year. The pack of cod roe to date is 44,397 HL., against 34,541 HL. at this time last year. An HL. equals 220.36 pounds.

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BAIT AT NEWBURYPORT.

Blue Backs Struck In the River on Tuesday.

Bluebacks have struck in at Newburyport and good hauls have been made. Sch. Ramona baited there yesterday. The fish were only one day later than last year.

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HAD GOOD CATCH.

**Porgy Steamer Got 200 Barrels
Mackerel Off Shinnecock.**

**Netting Fleet Now Fishing Up
Off No Man's Land.**

A porgy steamer arrived at Newport last night with 200 barrels of fresh mackerel. Her captain reports getting the fish off Shinnecock and says that a gasoline auxiliary seiner got a small school at the same time. The netters are now fishing off No Man's Land.

The following netters were at Newport yesterday:

Sch. Georgie E., 1400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Sabine, 670 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mettacommet, 1400 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Lear C., 1300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Manomet, 4000 fresh mackerel.
Steamer Favorite, 250 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Olga, 500 fresh mackerel.

Sixteen barrels of fresh mackerel were received at Boston from New London yesterday.

The steamer at Boston today from St. John, N. B., has 28 barrels of fresh mackerel.

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Sch. Harvard, Cape Shore, seining, 25 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Carrie W. Babson, south, seining.
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, Race Point, 40,000 lbs. fresh cod and pollock.
Sch. Ramona, returned.
Sch. Gladys and Sabia, Rips, 42,000 lbs. salt cod, 3000 lbs. fresh cod.

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Boston.

Sch. Hope, 15,000 cod.
Sch. James S. Steele, 7000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 50,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1400 halibut.

Sch. Spray, 35,000 haddock, 1600 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$4.50 to \$6; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; pollock, \$2; halibut 14 cts.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Romance was at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.

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SEINERS AT NEWPORT.

**Four of Them Had Small Trips
There This Morning.**

**Report of Big Body of Fish Off
Montauk Point.**

The following netters were at Newport yesterday:

Sch. Laughing Waters, 800 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Viola, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Sarah, 300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Nokomis, 1100 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Louise, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 1800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Arrow, 1000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Jack O'Lantern, 500 fresh mackerel.

The porgy steamer at Newport night before last was the Laurence. She had 15,000 fresh mackerel in count.

The following netters were at New Bedford yesterday:

Sloop Florence, 5 barrels fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lizzie Foster, 5 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Malicia Enos, 9 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Albert Brown, 4 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Mogul, 1 barrel fresh mackerel.

Sloop Mildred, 6 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sloop Olympia, 6 barrels fresh mackerel.

At Boston yesterday there was 500 barrels of fresh mackerel from all points. They brought 16 cents each.

Steamer Beverly is due at Boston from Port Hawkesbury tomorrow with some fresh mackerel.

A Dingle, Ireland, letter of June 4 says that for the week ending that date, there were landed 25,000 mackerel in count, making 85 barrels. The fish are going at 35c to 38c count.

Steamer A. B. Nickerson and Bryda F. saw a few pods of mackerel off Boston Bay lightship yesterday and each made a small haul. The fish sold last evening to William E. Dennett at 16 1-2 cents each.

The following seiners were at Newport last night:

Sch. Monitor, 53 barrels large fresh mackerel.

Sch. William H. Cross, 38 barrels large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Shenandoah, 25 barrels large fresh mackerel.

One other seiner, 21 barrels large fresh mackerel.

Sales at 13 cents each.

A telegram from Newport says that the seiners got their fish to the westward of Montauk Point and that there was a large body of fish there, but very wild. Schs. Constellation and Natalie B. Nickerson has reached there from the Cape Shore.

The first swordfish of the season at Newport was landed yesterday by sch. Florida, Capt. Edward Procter. John Nagle bought the fish at 15 cents per pound.

Sch. Venus is at Boston this morning with 700 large mackerel taken in Barnstable Bay last night.

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Big Stock.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, stocked \$2300 as the result of her fresh fish trip landed at T wharf yesterday. This is the best stock made in the market fishery for many months.

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THROUGH WITH SPRAY.

Capt. H. Dexter Malone Relinquished Command Yesterday.

of Cut in Pay of Captain and Crew.

Capt. H. Dexter Malone yesterday severed his connection with the steam otter trawler Spray, of which he has been master for six months, since she went in commission. Capt. Malone will now probably take command of one of the several vessels of which he is part owner.

A meeting of the shareholders in the Spray is soon to be held and the matter what to do with the craft will be considered and decided.

It is hinted among the buyers on the pier that the captain and crew, who are under wages, are to receive a cut in their monthly earnings, and that in consequence Capt. Malone resigned, and the crew have also become dissatisfied and are about to quit.

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SALT FOR CURING FISH.

**Fairhaven Outfitters Complain of
Not Receiving Rebate.**

A Washington despatch of yesterday says: [Congressman Greene of Massachusetts has had his attention called to the question of the rebates and the duty on salt used for curing fish caught in licensed American vessels under the Dingley tariff act. The fish dealers at Fairhaven have notified the congressman that they are not receiving the same rebates on the salt, on which they pay duty, which is allowed to the Boston and Gloucester dealers. Congressman Greene took the matter up with Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Reynolds today, and the latter will investigate it at once.]

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Sch. Lorna Doone, Georges, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 20,000 lbs. fresh, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Arcadia, south seining.

Steamer Angela B. Nickerson, Boston Bay, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Steamer Bryda F., Boston Bay, 107 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Emma W. Brown, Cape Shore, seining.

Seineboat, Outer Harbor, 50 bbls. Old England hake.

Sch. Marshall L. Adams, Provincetown.

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